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1. Between 24 and 30 October 1951, the units from the Hermann Goering Kaserne on Koenigsbruecker Strasse, Dresden, returned to their quarters from the troop training grounds. The returning troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Twenty-four tanks entered the billeting area on 25 October, and 15 JS tanks on 27 October. Trucks which arrived at the installation, with loads of billeting equipment and with some soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, [REDACTED]

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Five of the barracks buildings were fully lighted and two others partly lighted on 30 October. A hundred recruits marched into the billeting area on 24 November, escorted by an officer and several NCOs who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. (1)

2. Between 25 October and 24 November, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were observed in the Kapala Dresden-Klotzsche. No training activity or vehicular traffic was noticed, however. (2)

3. Between 14 and 24 November, the Luftkriegsschule in Klotzsche-Weixdorf quartered a unit of soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets and maintained a dog kennel. Units of 30 to 60 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets were daily seen receiving field training, close order drill, and training in firing in the adjacent terrain. Other soldiers were seen practicing with 12 dogs. Vehicles identified at the installation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On 4 December, the installation was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered red epaulets and most of whom had closely cropped hair. All but one barracks buildings were fully lighted on that evening. (3)

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4. From 25 November to 3 December, the Maschinengewehr Kaserne on the east side of Koenigsbruecker Strasse quartered about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The large barracks building was about 80 percent lighted on the evening of 28 November. About 80 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen drilling in the billeting area. (4)
5. From 25 November to 3 December, the Koenig Georg Kaserne on Kurt-Fischer-Allee quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. All but one of the barracks buildings were fully lighted on the evening of 1 December. One T-34 tank was being repaired in the billeting area on 2 December. No training activity or vehicular traffic was noticed during the period. (5)
6. From 25 November to 3 December, the SS Kaserne, Wilder Mann, on Moritzburger Landstrasse, was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia or without branch-of-service insignia, and troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets. All troop quarters were lighted on the evening of 1 December. The calling of commands, the noise of marching units and the roar of motorcycle engines were heard from the barracks yard on 25 November. (6)
7. On 28 November, the barracks installation on Washington Strasse, Dresden-Mebigau, quartered 800 to 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered black, red-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets. With the exception of one barracks building which was only 70 percent lighted, all buildings of the installation were fully lighted at night. Between 25 and 29 October, source observed that pontoons were unloaded from seven trucks and piled next to 20 other pontoons lying in front of a workshop in the billeting area. Fifteen soldiers were seen working with tools on 40 additional pontoons. Soldiers who were seen riding a streetcar to the barracks installation in Dresden-Mebigau included: 1 wearing black-bordered black epaulets with bridge-building insignia, 4 with red-bordered black epaulets, and 2 with blue-bordered black epaulets. A Russian woman wearing a uniform with blue-bordered black epaulets mounting an anchor insignia was seen entering the billeting area on 9 November. Troops kept working on the aforementioned 40 pontoons throughout the period from 13 November to 3 December. Seven trucks, [redacted] stood in the barracks yard on 25 October. (7)
8. On 28 November, [redacted] observed that a new brick building had been constructed for the personnel of the AAA guns emplaced in the Elbe River bend between Washington Strasse and Scharfenberger Strasse. No activity was observed in the emplacements. Trucks [redacted] occupied by seven soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering the site of the emplacements on 6 November. (8)
9. The October Revolution ceremony held on Albert Platz, Dresden-Neustadt, on 7 November was attended by about 1,000 troops who were detached from units from the military post.
10. At 9:30 a.m. on 7 November, a band of 11 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, a unit of about 50 officers and 302 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and a unit of about 10 officers and 80 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen marching out of the Adolf Hitler Kaserne on Kurt-Fischer-Allee. On 28 November, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by not less than 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets. That evening, all barracks buildings were about 80 percent lighted with the exception of two which were lighted only 20 and 40 percent respectively. Six amphibious vehicles were noticed in the billeting area. (9)

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11. On 28 November, the Bucher Kaserne on Marien Allee was occupied by about 500 troops, mostly recruits who wore black-bordered red epaulets. The main building of the installation was about 80 percent lighted that evening. Four soldiers were seen training with a heavy machine gun. Vehicles identified at the installation [redacted]

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12. On 28 November, the Grenadier Kaserne on Kurt-Fischer-Allee was occupied by a guard unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and a headquarters. Vehicles seen at the installation [redacted]

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13. The troops from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Alter Postweg, Dresden-Mickern, returned to the installation on 26 and 27 October. [redacted]

[redacted] three trains with troops, trucks and AT guns arrived and were unloaded at Niedersedlitz on 26 October. Trucks with billeting equipment, which were seen shuttling between the Niedersedlitz railroad station and the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on 27 October, [redacted]

[redacted] On 28 November, the barracks installation quartered from 1,000 to 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. About two thirds of the windows of all barracks buildings were lighted in the evening. Groups of 25 to 30 men practiced entrenching and advancing in the terrain in the area adjoining the barracks installation. Vehicles observed at the installation [redacted]

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14. On 11 November, [redacted] the commanding officer of the unit in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Alter Postweg, Mickern, was Colonel Radolny (fnu). The barracks installation was fully lighted on the evening of 23 November. Most of the troops observed had closely cropped hair and wore red-bordered black epaulets. (11)

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15. On the evening of 23 November, the buildings of the Luftkriegsschule, Klotzsche, were fully lighted. A German charwoman said that only a few airmen remained in the installation whereas new tank units, including some from Dresden-Hellerau, have been quartered there. [redacted]

[redacted] all senior FM had been shipped to the U.S.S.R. about the middle of November, and that new recruits were expected to arrive. Vehicles [redacted] were identified. (3)

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17. Soviet Units [ ] and [ ] were supplied with oxygen by the building supply section of the DHC-Chemie, Dresden. Unit [ ] was allegedly located in the Oschatz (N 52/E 71) - Meissen (N 52/A 00) area.

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[ ] Unit [ ] was stationed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Nickern, and [ ] the unit was equipped with tanks.

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[ ] Comments.

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- (1) The information indicates that the 40th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div returned to the Hermann Goerring Kaserne.

- (2) The information is not sufficient to confirm the Hq 11th Gds Tank Div and its signal battalion which are carried in the Napola.

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- (3) The information [ ] confirms the MVD unit carried in the Luftkriegsschule, Weixdorf. However, none of the vehicle [ ] belonging to the air force unit previously assumed to be there are mentioned. There have been no other indications that tank units have moved to the installation. A large unit of recruits may have been temporarily quartered there in early December.

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- (4) The information on the Maschinengewehr Kaserne agrees [ ]

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- (5) The information is not specific enough to confirm the 7th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div which is carried in the Koenig Georg Kaserne in addition to the 100th Repair Shop.

- (6) [ ] the SS Kaserne, Wilder Mann, quarters the 6th Mtrcl Bn and a signal unit of the army.

- (7) [ ] the barracks installation in Uebigau seems to quarter an AAA component of the Fourth Gds AAA Div and the 13th Gds Engr Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div. The present [ ] report [ ]

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[ ] implies that the 1st Assault Engr Regt of the First Gds Mecz Army is also stationed there. This is indicated by the many vehicles [ ] the number of pontoons, and the blue bordered black epaulets which mostly belong to technical troops with high-echelon headquarters.

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- (9) The observation of a unit of about 50 officers and about 300 men with black-bordered black epaulets again confirms the signal unit of the army which is carried in the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. Although the amphibious vehicles are indicative of engineer troops, it is unlikely that an engineer unit in Dresden is quartered so far away from the Elbe River. The smaller unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets is believed to be a component of the 11th Gds Tank Div.

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- (10) The information indicates no change in the occupation of the Grenadier Kaserne.

- (11) The 496th (Gds?) Arty Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div is carried in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne, Nickern.

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